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1. SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE REPORTS A KEY HAITIAN SECURITY INVESTIGATOR'S ACCOUNT OF CARREFOUR SHOOTING INCIDENT (REPORTED REFTELS), AS WELL AS A SEEMINGLY UNRELATED INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED AT JACMEL THE SAME DAY. GOH HAS PUBLISHED NOTHING ABOUT EITHER INCIDENT, BUT DOES NOT APPEAR TO REGARD THEM AS ASPECTS OF AN IMPORTANT CONSPIRACY OR AS SERIOUS THREATS TO REGIME. END SUMMARY.

2. CARREFOUR INCIDENT - GOH SECURITY OFFICIAL LTC JEAN VALME HAS PRIVATELY ADVISED EMBOFF THAT APRIL 20 INCIDENT IN CARREFOUR AREA OF PORT AU PRINCE OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF RAID BY POLICE ON SUSPECTED DRUG TRAFFICKERS, WHO
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WERE NOT EXPECTED TO BE ARMED. IN THE ENSUING

EXCHANGE OF REVOLVER FIRE ONE HAITIAN (UNNAMED) WAS KILLED, ONE HAITIAN (UNNAMED) WAS CAPTURED, AND THREE ESCAPED IN A JEEP THEY COMMANDEERED FROM SNEM DRIVER. THE ESCAPEES ARE RAYMOND FILS-AIME, HUBERT LEGROS FILS, AND HIS BROTHER MICHEL LEGROS. THE JEEP WAS FOUND ABANDONED IN THE FRONTIER ZONE OF THE CUL-DE-SAC NEAR THE DOMINICAN BORDER. SECURITY OFFICIALS LEARNED FROM THE LEGROS BROTHERS' MOTHER THAT HER SONS HAD TELEPHONED HER FROM SANTO DOMINGO TO ADVISE HER THAT THEY HAD REACHED THE DR SAFELY.

3. ACCORDING TO VALME, RAYMOND FILS-AIME IS THE BROTHER OF PHILLIPE FILS-AIME, A HAITIAN LEFTIST EXILE WHOSE IMPROPER ACTIVITIES IN CANADA ALLEGEDLY CAUSED THE GOC TO EXPEL HIM IN 1974 OR 1975, AND WHO POSSIBLY RESIDES TODAY IN THE US. THE LEGROS BROTHERS ARE THE SONS OF THE LEFTIST LAWYER HUBERT LEGROS, WHO VALME SAID WAS TWICE ARRESTED IN THE 1970'S FOR ANTI-GOH ACTIVITIES, AND IS TODAY THOUGHT TO BE HIDING OUT IN HAITI AS A CLANDESTINE OPPOSITIONIST (SEE 72 PORT AU PRINCE 1763).

4. THE POLICE FOUND ONE CARBINE RIFLE WITH ALL IDENTIFYING MARKINGS FILED OFF, SEVERAL REVOLVERS ALSO "CLEANED" OF MARKINGS, TWO WALKIE-TALKIES OF JAPANESE ORIGIN SPECIALLY MADE FOR FRENCH MILITARY FREQUENCIES, A RADIO SET (NO DESCRIPTION), AND 24 KILOS OF MARIJUANA. THE GOH OFFICIALLY IS TREATING THIS AS A DRUG TRAFFICKING INCIDENT ONLY. VALME NEVERTHELESS INDICATED THE CASE MAY HAVE HAD SOME LINK TO DISSIDENT ACTIVITY -- SPECULATING THAT EITHER THE MARIJUANA SERVED AS A CURIOUS SORT OF COVER AND/OR THAT THE GROUP SMUGGLED MARIJUANA AS A FUND-RAISING SIDELINE.

5. ALTHOUGH NO FOREIGNERS WERE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT, ACCORDING TO VALME, THE PRISONER APPARENTLY TOLD HIS INTERROGATORS THAT AT LEAST TWO DIFFERENT CANADIAN CITIZENS HAD MADE CLANDESTINE DELIVERIES OF EQUIPMENT TO FILS-AIME, USING SUCH DEVICES AS FALSE-BOTTOMED SUITCASES AND EVEN FALSE SHOE HEELS. WITHOUT ELABORATION, VALME SAID THE GOH WAS PARTICULARLY CONFIDENTIAL

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INTERESTED IN THE CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF DANIEL DUMELFORT AND JOSEPH BELIARD, TWO HAITIAN LEFTIST EXILES ASSOCIATED WITH THE "DANIEL NARCISSE GROUP" WHO SEEMINGLY HAVE LEFT CANADA FOR PARTS UNKNOWN. (COMMENT: DANIEL NARCISSE TOOK POLITICAL ASYLUM AT THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY IN MAY 1967, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IN LES CAYES FOR THE ((PRESUMABLY CLANDESTINE)) UNION FOR THE REBIRTH OF HAITI -- UNION POUR LA RENAISSANCE D'HAITI -- URH.)

6. JACMEL INCIDENT - SEPARATELY, AN AMCIT UNDER CONTRACT TO HAITIAN AIR CORPS (HAC) INFORMED THE DATT THAT ALLEGEDLY AT ABOUT 0800 HRS. APRIL 20 FOUR OR FIVE UNIDENTIFIED HAITIANS STOLE A TRUCK IN JACMEL, KILLING ONE OR TWO MEN IN THE PROCESS. AT ABOUT 1000-1030 HRS. A HAC HELICOPTER CARRYING ABOUT A DOZEN SOLDIERS FROM THE DESSALINES BATTALION TOOK OFF FOR JACMEL, FOLLOWED AT 1100 HRS. BY A HELICOPTER TRANSPORTING HASTILY ASSEMBLED AND ARMED HAC AIRMEN. A CESSNA O-2 PATROL PLANE WAS ALSO DISPATCHED AT 1100 HRS. TO CONDUCT OBSERVATION OVER THE JACMEL AREA. IN THE EARLY AFTER-NOON ONE OR TWO TRUCKLOADS OF LEOPARD BATTALION SOLDIERS WERE SENT TO JACMEL. ALLEGEDLY DURING THE EARLY EVENING OF APRIL 20 AN ARMS CACHE WAS DISCOVERED IN JACMEL AND ONE MAN DETAINED. WE HAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THIS INCIDENT.

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